

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
December 8, 2014

1. ROLL CALL

Present were; Sharon O'Leary, Jim Wardell, Doug Golliher, Rick Accountius, Amy Saunders, J.D. Birchmeier, and Council Liaison Brian Bagley

Arrived late: Cherese Montgomery

Staff Present: Jeff Friesner, Kim Shugar, Jennifer Wojniak

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Rick Accountius to approve the agenda, Doug Golliher seconded the motion, motion passed 7-0.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Motion by Sharon O'Leary to approve the minutes, J.D.'s Last name is spelled incorrectly. Motioned by Sharon O'Leary to approve the previous month's minutes with the following change to J.D.'s name, Amy Saunders seconded the motion, motion passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (None)

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation Master Plan

Sharon O'Leary shared with Councilman Bagley last month's recommendation: The Board unanimously passed a recommendation for a conservation easement to be placed on all existing properties that have been purchased with Open Space tax money and on any future acquisitions with Boulder county or other appropriate entities. Brian Bagley stated that he agrees, advocates, and will pass along to City Council. Kim Shugar stated that the Disposition of Open Space item is on the Council agenda for next week.

B. Recreation Master Plan, Section IV Recommendation.

The Board suggested changes to the four goals and the action items under each goal. The four goals are:

Goal 1: Introduce new users to program and service opportunities.

Goal 2: Maintain our strengths.

Goal 3: Explore and expand partnerships.

Goal 4: Improve the internal and external message about Recreation's offerings, impact and value.

6. NEW BUSINESS (None)

7. ONGOING ITEMS UPDATES

A. Donate page is now on the City Website. Paypal is working thanks to Suellen and staff.

B. Recreation is looking for TRX instructors. Cherese Montgomery thinks that it could be a location problem, as Centennial pool doesn't have the space for it.

C. FEMA is taking care of the cost for Kanemoto pool. Jeff suggested to add Kanemoto pool and playground items to the January meeting.

D. Affolter park public meeting was the best, and working in conjunction with the school made the parents more involved. The City of Longmont provides the translation and earphones for the high Hispanic population. The Board will send a thank you letter to the school and to the kids that were involved with the Affolter playground presentation.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Hard to recycle is three times a year and its not listed in the brochure.

B. Kim stated that on December 18th from 12-2pm, Biking with the Mayor started at Lefthand park and ended at Sandstone Ranch. This is the opening of Lefthand greenway and the underpass.

C. Longmont lights is Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th of December.

D. Thanks to Jim Wardell and Sharon O'Leary for all your years of service. There will be a potluck before January meeting at 6pm.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

A. Cherese Montgomery accepted a position at St. John's Middle School as a science teacher, and will teach until the end of the year.

B. Jim Wardell says his goodbyes. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Longmont baseball.

C. JD Birchmeier asked if they are going to put the river, Spring Gulch, back at Sandstone. Kim said that they are started studies. He is involved in Tinkermill and took video of what the Tinkerscouts made for Longmont Lights.

D. Amy Saunders thanked Sharon O'Leary and Jim Wardell for years of service.

E. Sharon O'Leary shared that there was an article in paper from Dale Rademaker about discussing the City charging the Recreation Center for water. Sharon questioned if this shouldn't have come through the Board first? Jeff stated that the Water Department was reviewing options for increasing revenue. If charging the General Fund, then more process would be conducted.

10. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (None)

11. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Jim Wardell, seconded by Sharon O'Leary, motion passes 7-0.